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JUDGESHIP HEARING CONTEST ON TODAY

WHITE VS. FULLERTON

Judge Eakin Will Decide of Ballots Shall be Recounted



JUDGE EAKIN Who Will Rule on White-Fullerton Election Contest Today

In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon, for Columbia County.

W. J. Fullerton, Defendant and Contestee.

vs. W. B. Dillard, Plaintiff and Contestant.

Now comes the defendant and contestee, in the above entitled cause, by his attorneys, C. M. Idleman and W. B. Dillard, and appearing for the purpose of this motion alone, and without any intention of voluntarily submitting to the jurisdiction of the Court:

Moves the said Honorable Court to set aside and annul the return of service by the sheriff of Columbia County Oregon, of the Citation issued in said cause because the claimed service and the said return was made before any bond was filed or given in said matter, and was prematurely made and of no effect on contestee;

And said contestee further moves the Court for an order setting aside and vacating the Citation issued to contestee in said cause, for the reason that the allegations of the petition of the contestant do not constitute a cause of contest within the provisions of the act commonly known as the "Corrupt Practice Act," and the said Citation was improperly issued; and the contest of the matters referred to in said petition is barred by statute of limitation.

C. M. IDLEMAN, W. B. DILLARD, Attorneys for Defendant and Contestee.

State of Oregon ) ss County of Columbia )

I, W. B. Dillard, attorney for above named contestee, hereby swear that I duly served on contestant, by handing him a copy in Columbia County, Oregon, his attorney not being in said county, the above written motion, on December 24th, 1918, before filing.

W. B. DILLARD, Subscribed and sworn to before me this 24th day of December, 1918.

J. W. HUNT, County Clerk.

Sentiment for Fullerton

The public sentiment and opinion is strongly in favor of Fullerton. Very few openly take the White side of the case. Of course it is possible, and moreover, very probable that many who prefer to keep in the dark, espouse the White side of the question, but those who have no ax to grind and believe in square shooting do not hesitate to openly back up Fullerton. They point out that Martin White has been a chronic office seeker and office holder for more than a quarter of a century and that when he was defeated, he should have taken his medicine as would any good sport.

Forced to Run

The Mist has it from a reliable source that White thinks Fullerton should not have run against him. Fullerton and White are members of the same lodge. They have always worked together in lodge work, but so anxious was White for the county office, that he forgot to notify his brother lodgeman of the contest un-

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RECOUNT NOT YET ORDERED

Judge Eakin this morning heard the argument of opposing counsel for a re-count in the White-Fullerton case. The attorneys were given three days longer in which to prepare further matters. The Judge has taken the citations presented under consideration and will hear the case on "its merits" in the week of January 6th, 1919. He will then decide whether or no there will be a re-count. In the meantime, Judge-elect Fullerton will take the oath of office and assume the duties of the office. Attorneys for Fullerton hinted at some irregularity in the storing of the ballot boxes and the inference is that this matter will be brought up in the event a re-count is ordered. Quite a crowd of interested people heard the arguments.

SOLDIER MEMORIAL GROWS IN FAVOR

Voluntary Subscriptions are Made—Council Endorses Idea

That the people of Columbia county appreciate the services of the gallant soldier and sailor boys and honor the memory of those who have fallen in battle or died while in the service, is attested by the ready response made to the suggestion of the Mist that a memorial be erected in honor of our soldier dead. Several have dropped into the Mist office to ask that their names be added to the constantly growing list and to express their favorable opinion of the idea.

At the regular meeting of the council Monday night, Councilman J. W. Allen introduced a resolution to the effect that the council go on record in its favor of giving financial and moral support. When the committee from the different sections of the county are appointed, a committee from the council, or a member of the council, will be appointed to act with the committee.

Those who have asked that their names be added to the subscription list, in addition to those whose names were previously given, are:

- T. B. Lott \$ 2.00
A. S. Harrison 5.00
Washington Muckle 10.00
L. R. Rutherford 5.00
H. S. Mason 10.00
J. E. Ramsey 5.00
John Dowd 5.00
J. B. Thatcher 5.00
A. C. Tucker 5.00
E. E. Quick 3.00

This brings the total of subscriptions to an amount exceeding \$100 and soon after the first of the year, a call will be made for a meeting of those interested. Committees will be appointed and the plans made for the successfully carrying out of the plan.

D. A. BEAM SUCCUMBS TO INFLUENZA

President of the St. Helens Mercantile Company Passes Away

D. A. Beam, president of the St. Helens Mercantile Company died on Christmas afternoon. His death resulted from heart failure, but an attack of influenza was the primary cause.

Deceased had been a resident of St. Helens for more than a year. For a few months, he was chief clerk at the store of the Mercantile company. Later, he bought an interest in the business and became president and manager. He had a wide acquaintance in St. Helens and his death is deeply regretted by the many who held him in high esteem.

In addition to his wife, deceased leaves to mourn his loss a mother, who resides at Long Beach, California and a brother whose home is in Portland. Funeral arrangements have not been completed awaiting the arrival of his mother.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE SECRETARY SELECTED

B. F. Aldrich has been chosen by the board of directors of the St. Helens Chamber of Commerce as executive secretary. Mr. Aldrich, who was a prominent business man of an eastern state, came to St. Helens looking for a business or manufacturing location. He has agreed to act as secretary for a few months while he is looking around for a location.

The temporary quarters of the chamber will be in the Hewitt building, in the store room recently used by the United War Work committee. The quarters will not be properly fixed up until after the first of the year, and until that time, the board of directors are allowing matters to be in abeyance. After getting quarters and getting down to a business basis, the members will get down to real business which will be for the benefit of St. Helens and Columbia county.

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MUNICIPAL OWNERSHIP OF PHONES ADVOCATED CITY COUNCIL ACTS

Goes on Record as in Favor of Buying Telephone Lines

If the program outlined by the city council at their meeting Monday night is carried out, St. Helens will own and operate the phone line in the corporate limits of the city. The question arose when McDonald asked if there was anything else which could be done so that he could secure phone service and also several other citizens of the town whose applications for phones had been sent into the phone company months ago. The mayor called on Attorney Day for an opinion, and the city attorney said he knew of no other method than by the city purchasing the system and operating it.

Big Profit Shown

It was pointed out that Dr. Zipperer took hold of the phone system and in a comparatively short time brought it up to a state of efficiency and the operation was very profitable, that profitable, so Mr. Day said, that it was sold to the Pacific people for \$13,000. He suggested that the city buy the plant, and the entire council, including the mayor, agreed with the city attorney. It was decided that the finance committee prepare a letter to the phone company asking for a price on the telephone system, in preparing this letter, they will have the assistance of the city attorney.

Council Proceedings Orderly

The proceeding of the mayor and council were quite orderly. Whether it was on account of the nearness of Christmas when all men's hearts should be full to overflowing with charity and thankfulness, or whether it was because they repented of former hasty actions, or whether it was because a stenographer was present to take down verbatim the proceedings, the Mist is unable to state, but it can truthfully state that the meeting was a personification of decorum and all matters were expedited by his honor, Magnus Saxon. A partial report of the proceedings as taken down by the Mist's stenographer follows:

Meeting called to order, roll called, all members of council, mayor, recorder and marshals and city attorney present. No reports from any members. No reports from committees.

Saxon—"Do you wish to say anything, Mr. Wellington?"

Wellington—"I would like to enter a protest to the erection of a building in the street, at the intersection of Columbia on Tuatini street. There is a big garage going up there on the street. I don't want to be a kicker, but I think it is hardly doing the right thing. I am supposed to have a corner lot. It must be sixty or seventy feet frontage, and if they take that much of the street, and if I shut up the other, that would shut up the street. I don't think that anyone has a right to give up the street. It is setting a precedent; if you can build in the street, we might as well give the lots away and build on the streets and then have no taxes. The city council may have better ideas on it than I have got."

Saxon—"How big would you say they are putting it up?"

Wellington—"Sixty feet or so." Saxon—"I understood he wanted a little garage. Sten spoke to me. It is down in that hollow. It is good for nothing, I didn't act individually. I said I would speak to the boys about it. None mentioned it being in the street and the council granted it."

Wellington—"It is big enough for the city garage. It will be the biggest one in town. You know the trouble you had to get the barn removed, three or four years ago from the street in front of your property."

Saxon—"The council didn't have the backbone to have it removed."

Wellington—"They gave me to understand they would protect my interests when I went to war."

Saxon here indignantly asked Marshal Blakeley why he didn't speak about it at the time. Blakeley stoutly maintained he didn't know anything about all this.

Wellington—"Gentlemen, if you would put yourselves in my position there is none of you would want someone to use the street in front of your premises. I don't want one foot of the street, but I want the street open. That garage is being built over the sewer, and you would have to remove the garage to get at the sewer if anything went wrong."

Allen—"I am opposed to granting streets for anyone's benefit, but this proposition was up for a little garage for one machine. I thought probably Wheeler's. As no one made any objection to it, it was granted."

Wellington—"I went to them and asked about it, and they said they were going to use it for three trucks. Suppose I put up a gasoline filling station on the rest of it, then think what a howl there would be."

Allen—"I am sure that members of the board had not the least idea of any personal interest to anyone."

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BUDGET MEETING WILL BE HELD TOMORROW

A BIG CROWD EXPECTED

Expenditures of County as Prepared by County Court Up for Approval

The budget meeting for the approval of the budget of expenditures of Columbia county, as prepared by the county court, will be held in the circuit court room at the courthouse tomorrow afternoon. It is expected that a large number of taxpayers will be present to go over the budget with the members of the county court and make recommendation as to expenditures or towards boosting taxes.

The budget was published in an issue of the Mist this month, and many taxpayers have carefully gone over the matter and no doubt, there will be many of them present to give suggestions to the court.

The budget, as prepared this year, is only a few hundred dollars more than the previous year. In the general expense, a contemplated raise in the salaries of county officers brings up the total, but other items have been reduced so the total this year, as compared with last year, does not show much of an increase.

The road levy, as outlined by the county court, is the same, viz: 10 mills. Evidently that body thought such levy necessary in order to continue the good roads program in Columbia county.

It is not expected that much of a fight will be made on the road tax, but, in all probability, there will be a fight and numerous recommendations as to the other anticipated expenditures which the court has listed.

The Mist is informed that a resolution, which will have strong backing, will be introduced, asking that a sum be set aside for the purchase of a paving plant and that each year instead of building macadam roads, some hard surface be laid.

The Mist, however, cannot do more than anticipate what is going to happen, and since the meeting does not occur until tomorrow, will have to ask its readers to wait until the next issue of the paper for a full and complete report of what really did happen. The Mist will have such a report.

CHRISTMAS DAY IS QUIETLY CELEBRATED

St. Helens people quietly and thankfully celebrated Christmas day. Everywhere there was Christmas cheer and good will and the "Merry Christmas" greeting had a ring of sincerity in it. The number of sailors and soldier boys on the streets, who had come from nearby army and navy posts, to spend the day of all days with the home folks, gave the town the appearance of an army post. The boys, some of them mustered out of service, were thankful to be at home and be in a position to take up their regular vocations.

Christmas eve, appropriate exercises were held in the Methodist church. All in all, it was a Christmas long to be remembered and one which brought happiness and good cheer to countless thousands.

HIGHWAY WORK FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY

The state highway commission will meet January 7th. By this time, Chairman S. Benson, will have returned from California and it is expected that plans will be made to start work on the lower Columbia highway. A part of the program of work is for the grading of that portion of the highway (west side) from Scappoose to McBride. No appropriation was made for this work at the last meeting of the commission, but assurance was given members of the Columbia county court who attended the meeting, that without a doubt, this work would be done. It is in the year's program, but was held in abeyance until the arrival of Mr. Benson.

RESTRICTIONS ON ALIEN ENEMIES OFF

Affective Christmas, enforcement of all regulations imposed on German alien enemies of both sexes, with the exceptions of sections 9, 10 and 12 of the proclamation of April 6, 1917, are discontinued.

All restricted zones and areas, both waterfront and inland, are abolished by the order. Sheriff Stanwood has received notice to this effect. Particular stress, however, is laid on the fact that any German alien enemy considered dangerous, is still under the restrictions imposed by the law and that paroled German alien enemies must continue to observe the restrictions imposed.

Until this ruling, all German alien enemies, except those who had a permit, were barred from being on the waterfront, the docks or in a certain territory adjacent to the waterfront. Sheriff Stanwood has faithfully enforced the ruling of the department of justice and there has been no trouble in St. Helens on this account.

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WALDEN DILLARD HAS A NARROW ESCAPE

German Shell Does Not Explode and Lives are Saved

W. B. Dillard has received a letter from his son, Sergeant Walden Dillard, in which he tells of the work of the ordnance department and incidentally mentions some narrow escapes he had. The letter which is dated in France, November 24, says: Montigny, France, Sunday, Nov. 24, '18.

Dear Dad:

Well, it seems the "ban" on "real dope" is off for one letter at least, so this is to be the all-famed "Dad's Xmas Letter."

To begin with, I was in the 2nd Co., 5th Bn., at Camp Hancock. On the evening of July 3rd, I was notified that if I could get a transfer to the 4th P. O. D Bn., which was ordered overseas the next day. Of course, I jumped at the chance which I had been looking for for over a year, and at eight o'clock the next morning (July 4th) we were at the station waiting for the train. We arrived in Camp Mills, L. I., N. Y., on the 6th and at seven o'clock on the morning of the 9th we again entrained, as I had once before from Camp Mills. The train took us to Brooklyn, where we boarded a ferry boat for Camp Merritt, N. J. The ferry ran in along side the U. S. S. America, previously the Hamburg-American liner "Amerika," which is one of the largest ships afloat.

The non-coms above the grade of sergeant of ordnance were assigned to state rooms, so we were well fixed up with clean sheets and blankets and pillows, etc., all of which were the original property of the ship. That evening at six o'clock we were pulled out into the channel and with the band playing and the soldiers lining the decks and rails, we steamed out past the Statue of Liberty and into the open ocean. This was the first ship to sail with passengers on deck and the band playing since the war began.

Oil Tanker is Sunk

There were five other ships in our convoy, three of which were former German property. It is unnecessary to say that we zig-zagged all the way across. On the night of July 14th at exactly 12:00 p. m. we struck an English tanker directly amidships, cutting her clean in two. I happened to be on deck at the time it happened and saw the whole sinking. In all the confusion there was but one light turned on. This was on the forward mast head of the ship which was following us by only a few feet as our ship went into reverse immediately. We stopped long enough to pick up nine of the crew of fifty-two. There were also some two or three passengers aboard but we did not see them, and could not stop longer for fear of submarines. The big tanker's boiler exploded and her bow was raised in the air and then there wasn't any tanker. We met a convoy of five destroyers that day and arrived safely in Brest in the 17th.

We marched about three miles to a so-called rest camp back of Brest, where we stayed for two days, when we again returned to Brest and took the big (?) French cars for Mehun. I was in good, but small apartment with six other sergeants and we had a fair enough ride. We stayed at Mehun three weeks when it was announced that some ordnance men would be sent to Chateau-Thierry.

Well, again, of course, I couldn't miss the chance and with a small detachment we entrained and got as far as Noisy-le-sec, which is a suburb of Paris, when we were held up for three days for some unknown reason. I didn't get to go to Paris at that time but I went up into the city of Noisy-le-sec and saw my first real French city.

When we at last got started again we headed eastward and after a two or three days' journey, arrived at Is-sur-tille (Cote-de-or) where we stopped for two or three days longer and received gas training and helmets, etc. Then we again took the train and after we pulled out for Dongerman, where we were billeted for three days and then after being split into smaller detachments, we were sent out in trucks for "somewhere."

Under Heavy Shell Fire

We went to an ammunition dump opposite Metz and near Pont-a-Mausson. Here we were under shell fire for the first time and the Boche planes visited us nightly. We saw many balloons shot down and numerous air combats. When the drive was over on that sector and the Americans had accomplished what the French said couldn't be done, we turned over our dump to the French and returned to Dongerman, only to leave again the same day in trucks for Verdun. Here we went into the only dump which the Germans failed to blow up on the Verdun front. This was about a mile west of Verdun near Regret. Here we were shelled and bombed more than before, but the dump was not blown up, though we had several close calls. After the Verdun drive was over and the Germans were retreat-

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FIRST NATIONAL BANK CHANGES OWNERSHIP

GRAHAM IS PRESIDENT

St. Helens Banking Institution Now Under New Management

The First National Bank of St. Helens, which began business about six months ago, is now under new management. A deal was consummated whereby the Mann and Wilson interests disposed of their stock to local parties and the new owners have taken possession and are conducting the affairs of the financial institution. The following have been elected officers of the bank:

- Charles Graham, President.
Sherman Miles, Vice President.
H. A. Childs, Cashier.
The directors are: Charles Graham, Sherman Miles, H. F. McCormick, J.



CHARLES GRAHAM The New President of the First National Bank of St. Helens

W. Day and A. S. Harrison.

The president, Charles Graham, is well known in St. Helens and throughout Columbia county. He has been a resident here for many years and was a partner in the Graham & Perry mercantile establishment in West St. Helens. Before the consolidation of Houlton and St. Helens, he was prominent in the city government of Houlton, and afterwards a councilman in Greaser St. Helens. He also served as one of the directors of the school board. He has the reputation of being a conservative business man and is well fitted to be at the head of a banking institution.

The cashier, H. A. Childs, was assistant cashier in the Columbia County Bank before accepting his present position. About six months ago, he left the employ of the Gila Valley Banking & Trust company at Ray, Arizona, to accept the position with the Columbia County Bank. He has had many years experience in the banking business and without a doubt, will acceptably fill his new position.

The directors are all well known local business men, who will give added strength to the bank on account of their association with it. For the time being, the present quarters will be occupied but it is understood that in the near future, a handsome building will be erected, which will be the home of the bank.

COLUMBIA COUNTY MILL IS CLOSED FOR REPAIRS

Will Resume Operations in About Three Weeks

The Columbia County mill, commonly known as the "little mill," closed Tuesday night and will remain shut down for several weeks during which time necessary repairs will be made. A new carriage, new truck and general overhauling of the dock and mill will be the work to be accomplished. H. F. McCormick, manager of the concern, states that the company intends to expend about \$5000 in the work outlined. During the past two years, the mill has been running quite regularly, and a general overhauling is now necessary.

MERCHANTS HAVE A BIG HOLIDAY TRADE

A majority of the St. Helens merchants are well satisfied with the volume of their holiday trade. It was noticeable this year, so several prominent merchants stated, that the home folks and the people living in nearby communities observed the slogan, "Trade at Home." By following this idea, the merchants and their customers were mutually benefited. The home merchants had prepared for a large holiday trade and their stock was ample to provide for the wants of all, consequently, the money earned in this locality was left at home and without a doubt, the purchasers received the benefit of large and well selected stocks at prices lower than the city prices and at the same time, transacted their Christmas business without delay. It pays to trade at home.

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